



AGENDA
Meeting
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
September 21, 2010
8:30 a.m.
Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Davis, Chair; Roger Aceves, Vice Chair; Chuck McQuary, Secretary; Dick Weinberg, Director; Brian Fahnestock, Director; John Britton, Director; Olivia Rodriguez, Director

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will be asked to waive the reading of and approve the draft minutes for the meeting of September 7, 2010.

5. CASH REPORT- (ATTACHMENTS- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will be asked to review the cash report of August 31, 2010 through September 13, 2010.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board on items within the jurisdiction of the Board that are not scheduled for public hearing. The time allotted per speaker will be at the discretion of the Board Chair. If you wish to address the Board under this item number, please complete and deliver to the MTD Board Clerk before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form including a description of the subject you wish to address. Additional public comment will be allowed during each agenda item, including closed session items. Please fill out the Request to Speak form and indicate the agenda item # that you wish to comment on.

7. VALLEY EXPRESS SERVICE INTERREGIONAL SERVICE- (ATTACHMENT - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff will present information regarding the Valley Express service.

8. FARES FOR PASSENGERS WHO ARE BLIND - (ATTACHMENT – ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff will discuss proposed changes to fare structure related to passengers who are blind.

9. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA- LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will discuss the current status of the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) Long Range Development Plan (LRDP).

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

- a) Superstops
- b) Line 15x
- c) Strategic Plan Workshop
- d) Other

11. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will report on related public transit issues and committee meetings.

12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Section 54956.9 (b)) (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

One case: Filiberto Lujano vs. MTD

13. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION– UNION NEGOTIATIONS– (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with labor negotiators Sherrie Fisher, General Manager and Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager. ***PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ALLOWED RELATED TO THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S) BEFORE THE RECESS.***

Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union Local 186.

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14. ADJOURNMENT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the MTD Administrative Office at 963-3364 at least **48 hours in advance** of the meeting to allow time for MTD to attempt a reasonable accommodation.



DRAFT MINUTES
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Davis reported that all members were present.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Imelda Martin, Executive Assistant to the Board and General Manager, reported that on Friday, September 3, 2010, the agenda for the meeting was posted at MTD's Administrative headquarters, on MTD's website, mailed to all who have requested the agenda and sent to the media of general circulation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. & 5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN) CASH REPORT- (ATTACHMENTS- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Director Britton moved to approve the draft minutes for the meeting of August 24, 2010 and to approve the cash reports for August 17, 2010 through August 30, 2010. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. Under comment on the motion Director Rodriguez asked that staff provide a summary of the fiscal year's legal fees. The motion passed 6-0 with one abstention. Director Aceves abstained due to his absence from the meeting.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. PROPOSITION 22 – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Chair Davis outlined the position of the California Transit Association on Proposition 22 and informed the board of a meeting he and General Manager Fisher had with local City and California League of Cities representatives regarding taking a position officially. The Board briefly discussed their opinions on the matter. Following a brief discussion, Director Rodriguez moved to direct staff to draft a letter to the California Transit Association in support of Proposition 22, the local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act. Director Britton seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1, Director Fahnstock opposed.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT– (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

General Manager Fisher updated the Board on the continued discussions with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) with regard to the Valley Express. She stated that MTD staff will be conducting a survey. Additionally, she and Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning and Compliance, will speak to the Buellton and Solvang city councils at the end of the month to provide them with information about the Valley Express. Following a discussion, Chair Davis requested that staff invite SBCAG staff to attend the next regularly scheduled Board meeting in two weeks to fully discuss the Valley Express in the context of the larger context of regional transit.

General Manager Fisher reported that a verbal agreement has been reached with UCSB. The agreement reflects the University's acceptance of MTD's written request for change in the language of the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) and the Final Environmental Impact Report. Chair Davis thanked staff and the board for their efforts.

9. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS– (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

None was reported.

10. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Section 54956.9) (b) (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (b).
One Potential Case.

Upon returning from closed session, Chair Davis reported that this item will be brought back to the full Board in open session as an agenda item.

11. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- PENDING LITIGATION (Section 54956.9 (a)) (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code (Section 54956.9 (a))
One case: Elizabeth Manasen vs. MTD

Upon returning from closed session, Chair Davis reported that the Board approved staff and legal counsel's recommendation of settling the claim for \$28,000.

12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION– UNION NEGOTIATIONS– (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with labor negotiators Sherrie Fisher, General Manager and Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager.

Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union Local 186.

Upon returning from closed session, Chair Davis reported that no action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Director Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Britton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Cash Report
Board Meeting of September 21, 2010
For the Period August 31, 2010 through September 13, 2010

MONEY MARKET

Beginning Balance August 31, 2010 **\$5,073,271.00**

Accounts Receivable	656,502.32
Passenger Fares	171,522.13
Miscellaneous/Asset Sales	13,807.38
Interest Income - Aug 10	2,935.37
Advertising/Prepaid Deposits	276.19
Property Tax Revenue	.00
Total Deposits	845,043.39

ACH Garnishment Trf	(3,198.23)
ACH Pensions Transfer	(34,397.77)
ACH Tax Deposit	(136,539.32)
Payroll Transfer	(294,333.90)
Operations Transfer	(510,311.20)
Total Disbursements	(978,780.42)

Ending Balance **\$4,939,533.97**

CASH INVESTMENTS

LAIF Account	\$3,284,886.83
Money Market Account	4,939,533.97

Total Cash Balance **\$8,224,420.80**

SELF INSURED LIABILITY ACCOUNTS

WC / Liability Reserves	(\$1,376,680.70)
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Working Capital **\$6,847,740.10**

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Accounts Payable**

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
96395	9/1/2010	ROGER STEVEN ACEVES	DIRECTOR FEES	300.00	
96396	9/1/2010	ASBURY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVIC	WASTE OIL RECYCLER	70.00	
96397	9/1/2010	JOHN BRITTON	DIRECTOR FEES	240.00	
96398	9/1/2010	CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY, IN	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	32.25	
96399	9/1/2010	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	BUS/SV PARTS & SUPPLIE	686.50	
96400	9/1/2010	CENTRAL CITY ABS, INC.	BUS REPAIRS	38.45	
96401	9/1/2010	COAST TRUCK PARTS	BUS PARTS	632.56	
96402	9/1/2010	CUMMINS CAL PACIFIC LLC	BUS PARTS & REPAIRS	929.40	
96403	9/1/2010	DAL POZZO TIRE CORP.	TIRE REPAIR/MOUNTING	35.00	
96404	9/1/2010	DAVID D. DAVIS JR.	DIRECTOR FEES	360.00	
96405	9/1/2010	DENMUN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	OFFICE MACHINE SUPPLIES	720.20	
96406	9/1/2010	DONS INDUSTRIAL, INC.	BUS PARTS/B&G SUPPLIES	65.89	
96407	9/1/2010	EVERYTHING ELECTRIC	BUS PARTS	152.30	
96408	9/1/2010	FEDEX OFFICE	PRINTING SERVICES	876.79	
96409	9/1/2010	BRIAN FAHNESTOCK	DIRECTOR FEES	180.00	
96410	9/1/2010	GIBBS INTERNATIONAL INC	BUS PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,094.36	
96411	9/1/2010	GILLIG LLC DBA	BUS PARTS	659.52	
96412	9/1/2010	GLOBAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	B&G REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	64.50	
96413	9/1/2010	GRAINGER, INC.	B&G SUPPLIES	162.43	
96414	9/1/2010	GUARDIAN DENTAL INSURANCE	DENTAL INSURANCE	3,598.14	
96415	9/1/2010	GUARDIAN LIFE INS CO. CORP.	LIFE INSURANCE	914.94	
96416	9/1/2010	H.G. MAKELIM CO.	BUS PARTS	2,965.61	
96417	9/1/2010	H. G. PETERSEN FAMILY PROPERTIE	PARKING FOR VALLEY BUSES	100.00	
96418	9/1/2010	HOME IMPROVEMENT CTR.	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	137.11	
96419	9/1/2010	HYDREX PEST CONTROL	FUMIGATION	150.00	
96420	9/1/2010	INDOFF, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	146.29	
96421	9/1/2010	IPC (USA), INC.	BUS FUEL	43,849.90	
96422	9/1/2010	J n L GLASS INC.	BUS GLASS REPAIR	275.00	
96423	9/1/2010	MC CORMIX CORP. (OIL)	LUBRICANTS	1,384.32	
96424	9/1/2010	MEDICAL EYE SERVICES, INC.	VISION SERVICES	313.54	
96425	9/1/2010	CHUCK MCQUARY	DIRECTOR FEES	180.00	
96426	9/1/2010	MOHAWK MFG. AND SUPPLY CO.	BUS PARTS	567.57	
96427	9/1/2010	MOUNTAIN SPRING WATER	SHOP & OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,138.95	
96428	9/1/2010	MUZICRAFT, INC	TC CONTRACT MAINTENANCE	38.00	
96429	9/1/2010	NATIONAL INTERSTATE INS INC.	ESCROW/LIABILITY INSURANCE	868.03	
96430	9/1/2010	NEWARK ELECTRONICS	BUS PARTS	247.15	
96431	9/1/2010	NUGS BY NAY DBA	GRAPHIC DESIGNER	619.88	

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
96432	9/1/2010	PREVOST CAR INC.- CREDIT DEPT.	BUS PARTS	441.53	
96433	9/1/2010	PEREZ, JUAN	REIMBURSEMENT	39.00	
96434	9/1/2010	PACIFICARE OF CALIFORNIA	HEALTH INSURANCE	47,298.51	
96435	9/1/2010	PEI-GENESIS INC.	BUS PARTS	499.40	
96436	9/1/2010	RODRIGUEZ, OLIVIA	DIRECTOR FEES	300.00	
96437	9/1/2010	SANTA BARBARA NEWSPRESS	PRINTING OF SCHEDULE GUIDES	12,700.00	
96438	9/1/2010	SERVICE MASTER OF SANTA BARB	JANITORIAL SERV./SUPPLIES	271.56	
96439	9/1/2010	SM TIRE, CORP.	BUS TIRE MOUNTING	93.50	
96440	9/1/2010	SMARDAN-HATCHER CO., INC	B&G REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	58.69	
96441	9/1/2010	SMART MARKETING DBA	ROUTE SCHEDULE INFORMATION	1,493.95	
96442	9/1/2010	SO. CAL. EDISON CO.	UTILITIES	9,509.44	
96443	9/1/2010	SPECIALTY TOOL & BOLT	SHOP SUPPLIES	139.03	
96444	9/1/2010	SPRINT DBA	WiFi SERVICES	98.85	
96445	9/1/2010	STEWART'S DE-ROOTING & PLUMBI	PLUMBING REPAIRS	1,258.23	
96446	9/1/2010	SB CITY OF-REFUSE/WATER	UTILITIES	238.02	
96447	9/1/2010	UPS FREIGHT	FREIGHT SHIPPING	138.12	
96448	9/1/2010	INTERSTATE CAPITAL CORPORATI	UNIFORMS	398.56	
96449	9/1/2010	VENTURA STEEL, INC.	SHOP SUPPLIES	106.88	
96450	9/1/2010	WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY DBA	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	807.86	
96451	9/1/2010	RICHARD WEINBERG	DIRECTOR FEES	300.00	
96452	9/1/2010	NATIONAL INTERSTATE INS INC.	ESCROW/LIABILITY INSURANCE	22,144.04	
96453	9/3/2010	BOMAR SECURITY & INVESTIGATIO	SECURITY SERVICES	612.48	
96454	9/3/2010	HAYWARD LUMBER	SHOP SUPPLIES	85.75	V
96455	9/3/2010	IPC (USA), INC.	BUS FUEL	21,873.88	V
96456	9/3/2010	NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORAT	ESCROW/LIABILITY INSURANCE	28,000.00	V
96457	9/3/2010	T.F. HUDGINS, INC.	BUS PARTS	264.35	V
96458	9/3/2010	HAYWARD LUMBER	SHOP SUPPLIES	85.75	
96459	9/3/2010	IPC (USA), INC.	BUS FUEL	21,873.88	
96460	9/3/2010	NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORAT	ESCROW/LIABILITY INSURANCE	28,000.00	
96461	9/3/2010	T.F. HUDGINS, INC.	BUS PARTS	264.35	
96462	9/9/2010	BIG BRAND TIRES	SERVICE & TIRES SERVICE VEHICLE	264.74	
96463	9/9/2010	BNS ELECTRONICS, INC.	GIB. SITE RENTAL	230.56	
96464	9/9/2010	BOMAR SECURITY & INVESTIGATIO	SECURITY SERVICES	1,224.96	
96465	9/9/2010	CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY, IN	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	881.70	
96466	9/9/2010	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	BUS/SV PARTS & SUPPLIE	279.66	
96467	9/9/2010	CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,410.41	
96468	9/9/2010	CENTRAL COAST CIRCULATION, LL	BUS BOOK DISTRIBUTION	575.00	
96469	9/9/2010	CENTRAL MACHINE & WELDING	BUS REPAIRS	120.58	
96470	9/9/2010	CHK AMERICA INC.	SCHEDULE INFO & SYSTEM MAP	24,008.74	
96471	9/9/2010	COMMUNITY RADIO, INC.	GIB. SITE RENTAL	225.35	

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96472	9/9/2010	COAST TRUCK PARTS	BUS PARTS	1,379.42	
96473	9/9/2010	COX COMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET & CABLE TV	212.96	
96474	9/9/2010	CUMMINS CAL PACIFIC LLC	BUS PARTS & REPAIRS	52.55	
96475	9/9/2010	DOCUPRODUCTS CORPORATION	COPIER COPIES & SUPPLIES	389.38	
96476	9/9/2010	DONS INDUSTRIAL, INC.	BUS PARTS/B&G SUPPLIES	144.06	
96477	9/9/2010	DOWNTOWN ORGANIZATION, INC.	TC MAINTENANCE	450.00	
96478	9/9/2010	EASY LIFT TRANSPORTATION, INC.	ADA SUBSIDY	47,867.00	
96479	9/9/2010	ELECTRONIC DATA MAGNETICS, IN	BUS TRANSFERS	6,217.24	
96480	9/9/2010	FISHER, SHERRIE	REIMBURSEMENT	273.00	
96481	9/9/2010	GIBBS INTERNATIONAL INC	BUS PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,053.33	
96482	9/9/2010	GILLIG LLC DBA	BUS PARTS	1,396.69	
96483	9/9/2010	GRAINGER, INC.	B&G SUPPLIES	115.52	
96484	9/9/2010	HOME IMPROVEMENT CTR.	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	18.99	
96485	9/9/2010	IPC (USA), INC.	BUS FUEL	21,917.95	
96486	9/9/2010	MARBORG INDUSTRIES (INC)	UTILITIES & RENTAL FEES	160.48	
96487	9/9/2010	MC CORMIX CORP. (GAS)	FUEL-SERVICE VEHICLES	2,294.26	
96488	9/9/2010	MIKE CUEVAS GARDENING SERVIC	LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICE	646.00	
96489	9/9/2010	MISSION LINEN SUPPLY, INC	UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	3,388.94	
96490	9/9/2010	MOHAWK MFG. AND SUPPLY CO.	BUS PARTS	328.91	
96491	9/9/2010	MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES	BUS PARTS	265.86	
96492	9/9/2010	NATIONAL INTERSTATE INS INC.	ESCROW/LIABILITY INSURANCE	25,000.00	
96493	9/9/2010	NU-COOL REDI GREEN	COOLANTS & SHOP SUPPLIES	89.57	
96494	9/9/2010	PREVOST CAR INC.- CREDIT DEPT.	BUS PARTS	1,636.89	
96495	9/9/2010	PORT SUPPLY	BUS PARTS	97.82	
96496	9/9/2010	PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION, INC.	SHOP SUPPLIES	91.74	
96497	9/9/2010	REPUBLIC ELEVATOR, INC	ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE	132.07	
96498	9/9/2010	SB LOCKSMITHS, INC.	B&G REPAIR & SUPPLIES	12.94	
96499	9/9/2010	SM TIRE, CORP.	BUS TIRE MOUNTING	366.86	
96500	9/9/2010	SO. CAL. EDISON CO.	UTILITIES	3,279.75	
96501	9/9/2010	SPECIALTY TOOL & BOLT	SHOP SUPPLIES	88.46	
96502	9/9/2010	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	OFFICE & COMPUTER SUPPLIES	217.43	
96503	9/9/2010	SB CITY OF-REFUSE/WATER	UTILITIES	3,275.24	
96504	9/9/2010	THE LIGHTHOUSE	SHOP SUPPLIES	80.37	
96505	9/9/2010	TILFORD WELDING	VENDOR BUS REPAIRS	185.00	
96506	9/9/2010	TANK TEAM INC.	TANK TESTS	103.00	
96507	9/9/2010	TEAMSTERS MISC FUND	UNION MEDICAL/DENTAL	122,465.49	
96508	9/9/2010	TRI-COUNTY AUTO GLASS INC	REPLACE BUS WINDOWS	440.00	
96509	9/9/2010	WESTERN STATES TRANSMISSIONS	BUS PARTS	6,519.56	
96510	9/9/2010	WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY DBA	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	507.94	
96511	9/10/2010	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AG	PAYROLL RELATED	147.69	

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96512	9/10/2010	DEAILE, MARY	PAYROLL RELATED	106.15	
96513	9/10/2010	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	PAYROLL RELATED	175.00	
96514	9/10/2010	INDOFF, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	168.78	
96515	9/10/2010	UNITED STATES TREASURY - IRS	PAYROLL RELATED	1,000.00	
96516	9/10/2010	SHERIFF CIVIL BUREAU	PAYROLL RELATED	197.43	
96517	9/10/2010	NEWARK ELECTRONICS	BUS PARTS	129.26	
96518	9/10/2010	OTTIERI, ANN BRADY	PR RELATED	277.00	
96519	9/10/2010	SB COUNTY FEDERAL CREDIT UNIO	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	1,348.00	
96520	9/10/2010	SEELEY-RUIZ, KAREN	PAYROLL RELATED	75.69	
96521	9/10/2010	TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 186	UNION DUES	10,335.62	
				560,535.18	
Current Cash Report Voided Checks:				50,223.98	
Prior Cash Report Voided Checks:				0.00	
Grand Total:				\$510,311.20	

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Cash Receipts of Accounts Receivable**

Date	Company	Description	Amount
8/31/2010	SB County Schools	Passes/Token Sales	330.00
8/31/2010	Spectrum Clubs, Inc.	Advertising on Buses	2,160.00
9/1/2010	ASTI Holding Company, LLC	Overpass Property Lease	14,259.73
9/1/2010	Local Transportation Fund	SB 325 - Aug 10	487,191.02
9/1/2010	Measure D, Section 3 LSTI	Measure "D" Funds - Aug 10	131,857.02
9/1/2010	UCSB - Parking Services	Passes/Passport Sales	9,412.00
9/2/2010	Cinbatel Agency	Advertising on Buses	688.00
9/3/2010	Marshall Advertising	Advertising on Buses	882.00
9/3/2010	SB County Public Health	Passes/Token Sales	3,937.50
9/7/2010	Calles, Gilbert & Leandra	Health Insurance - Retiree	256.54
9/7/2010	Fountain, Melvin and Elizabeth	Health Insurance - Retiree	256.54
9/7/2010	Santa Barbara Axxess	Advertising on Buses	3,460.00
9/8/2010	Sarah G. Bowman	Health Cobra	728.97
9/9/2010	City of SB - Public Works	Passes/Token Sales	600.00
9/9/2010	City of SB Creeks Division	Advertising on Buses	483.00
Total Accounts Receivable Paid During Period			\$656,502.32



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 **AGENDA ITEM #:**

TYPE: ACTION ITEM

PREPARED BY: STEVE MAAS

Signature

REVIEWED BY: GENERAL MANAGER

GM Signature

SUBJECT: Valley Express Commuter Bus Service

DISCUSSION:

In 2002, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) approved a proposal from MTD for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ) grant for a peak-period commuter service from the Santa Ynez Valley to the South Coast. MTD implemented the service in March 2005. The CMAQ grant funded a three-year pilot program. Beginning in July 2008, following the end of the pilot program, the SBCAG Board has allocated Measure D & A funds for the service. SBCAG staff has now proposed eliminating the funding for the Valley Express service, and replacing the service with a reduced level of service provided by the Clean Air Express and possibly one or more vanpools.

MTD's Development Committee considered SBCAG's proposal on Friday, September 17. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of three motions, as follows:

- 1) To support the SBCAG staff "reintegration plan."
- 2) To direct staff to convene with SBCAG staff to define roles and responsibilities.
- 3) To recognize that any new or expanded transit service in MTD's district boundaries requires the approval of the MTD Board.

ATTACHMENT:

- SBCAG Memorandum

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Councils of Buellton & Solvang, SBMTD Board of Directors

FROM: SBCAG Staff (Jim Kemp, Executive Director, Scott Spaulding, Transportation Planner)

RE: Receive an update on SBCAG board direction to develop a plan to reintegrate commuter bus service from Santa Ynez Valley back into the Clean Air Express service.

DATE: September 13, 2010

Background:

The Valley Express commuter bus service between the Santa Ynez Valley and the South Coast has been in operation since 2005. There are currently three round trips per day, reduced from four during the federally funded pilot period. Trips originate and terminate in Solvang, stop in Buellton to pick up and drop off passengers, and serve Goleta, UCSB and Santa Barbara. The service was originally funded by a federal CMAQ grant approved by the SBCAG Board in October 2004. Until March 2005, two Clean Air Express routes originating in Santa Maria served Buellton, providing commuter service between the Santa Ynez Valley and the South Coast.

The Valley Express service was initiated as a three-year pilot program using federal funds approved by the SBCAG board to purchase new coaches and subsidize the operating costs during the pilot period. The SBCAG board entered into an agreement with the Santa Barbara MTD to operate the service. In May 2008, following the end of the pilot program, the SBCAG board approved \$80,000 in regional Measure D funds to continue operating the Valley Express through June 2009 and eliminated one of the four trips in order to improve the efficiency of the service. In February 2010 Santa Barbara MTD, the service operator, requested and received approval from SBCAG for an additional \$81,000 in regional Measure D funds to support the service through June 2010. In May 2010, MTD requested \$50,000 in Measure A North County Interregional Transit Program funds to operate the service through June 2011. The SBCAG board approved the funding but directed its staff to develop a plan for the SBCAG board to consider that would reintegrate commuter bus service from the Santa Ynez Valley back into the Clean Air Express, which served the valley with a stop in Buellton until March 2005.

In response to the board's direction, SBCAG staff has worked closely with the City of Santa Maria, which currently administers the Clean Air Express, and other Clean Air Express partners to develop a reintegration plan that would yield the greatest cost savings while maintaining the highest level of service possible. Through the Clean Air Express Working Group, an ad-hoc staff level committee focused on the Clean Air Express, staff has met with MTD and the cities of Lompoc, Santa Maria, Buellton, and Solvang to discuss and evaluate the plan. The proposed reintegration plan includes a balanced mixture of replication, consolidation, and elimination, and has the potential for cost savings that could total \$85,000 annually.

Service Performance

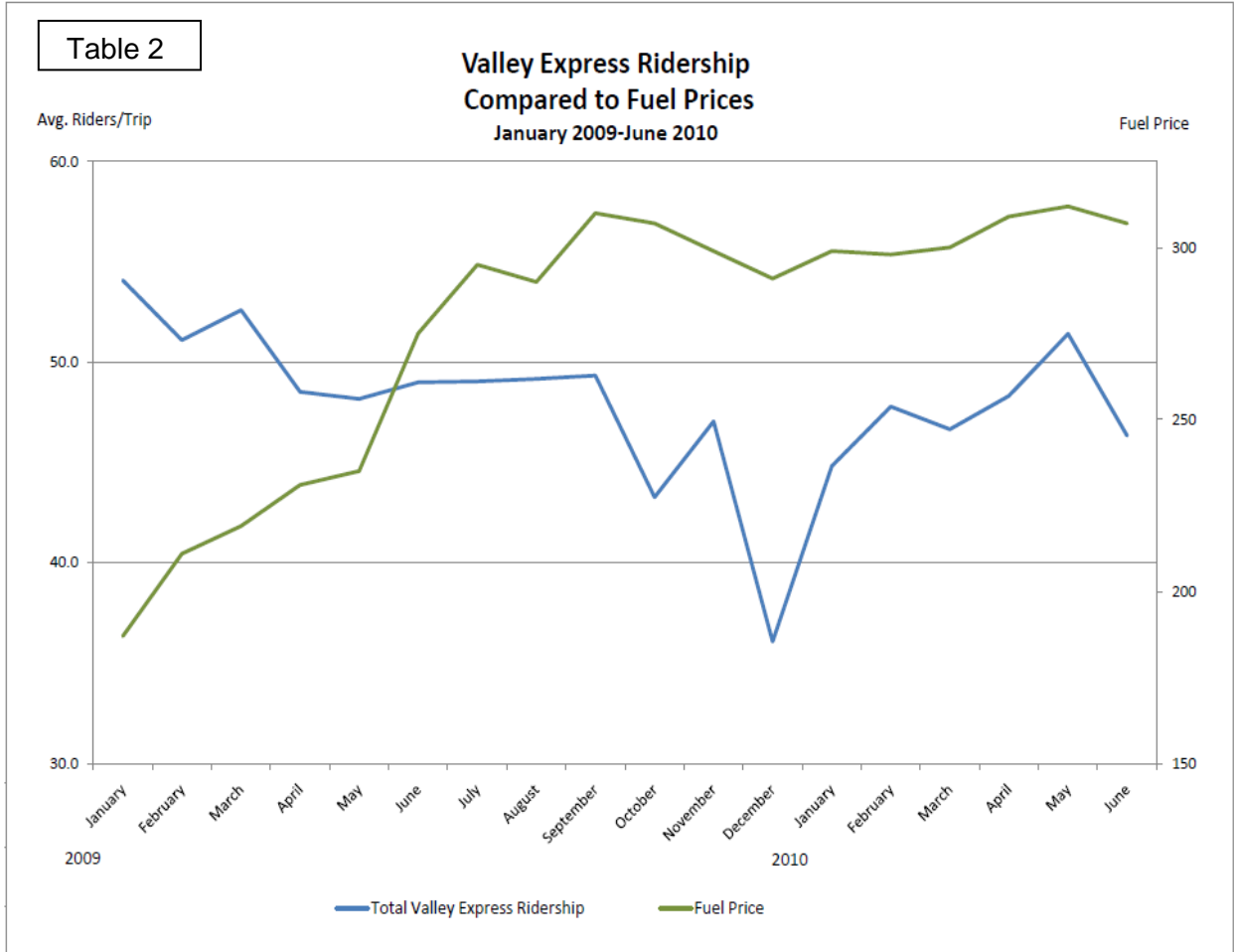
The Valley Express service is evaluated annually prior to any funding recommendation and

Table 1: Valley Express Performance								
	Fiscal Year					Performance Standard	Five Year Period	% of Performance Standard Reached
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010			
Passengers Per Trip	13.5	15.4	18.5	20.4	15.5	30	16.7	56%
Farebox Ratio	44%	53%	59%	74%	59%	85%	58%	68%
Subsidy Per Trip	\$4.49	\$3.29	\$2.53	\$1.51	\$3.29	\$0.50	\$3.02	17%

most recently received a performance review in May 2010. The MOU between SBCAG and MTD to provide the service includes performance measures used in the annual evaluation, including passengers per trip, farebox ratio, and Measure D/A subsidy per passenger (Table 1).

Progress was being made towards meeting these standards in the early years of the service, in part due to the historic spike in fuel prices in 2008. But ridership appears to have returned to a natural, stable pattern that is significantly lower than projected when the service was initiated. This stable level of ridership is in spite of a near doubling of fuel prices in the first half of 2009 (Table 2).

Since December 2008, ridership has consistently averaged about 16 riders per trip across all



three routes, a fraction of the 47 to 57 seats available on the vehicles currently being used. With a population of about 20,000, the Santa Ynez Valley likely does not warrant the level of commuter bus service currently provided by the Valley Express—three daily round trips using large charter-style buses. For comparison, the Santa Maria Valley population of over 160,000 is served by just five Clean Air Express trips using the same type of vehicle. Low demand for commuter bus service from the Santa Ynez Valley is consistent with prior attempts to serve this market. Under APCD administration, the Clean Air Express served Solvang and Buellton with one route between 1996-1998 and again for a six month period in 1999. In both cases service was discontinued due to low ridership.

Efforts to boost the performance of the Valley Express service have not been successful. A free-fare week promotion offered by MTD in July resulted in no sustained increase in ridership.

Reintegration Plan

Currently the Valley Express operates three round trips from the Santa Ynez Valley to Goleta and Santa Barbara, primarily serving the Hollister corridor in Goleta and downtown Santa Barbara. Two of these three trips were formerly served by Clean Air Express routes prior to the initiation of the Valley Express in 2005. Due to California Air Resources Board regulations, each of these three Valley Express trips is restricted to a total of ten stops per day (five drop offs in the morning; five pick ups in the afternoon). Valley Express #81 was eliminated in 2008 due to poor ridership (the route averaged 16 riders per trip).

The proposed plan to reintegrate commuter bus service from the Santa Ynez Valley back into the Clean Air Express treats the three remaining Valley Express routes individually. Due to very low demand for Route #83, and the availability of existing and potentially new vanpools to UCSB operated by the UCSB Transportation Alternatives Program, this trip is proposed for elimination. SBCAG Traffic Solutions would offer assistance in forming vanpools to those riders that may not be served by the UCSB vanpools including financial incentives during a start-up period. Customers using Route #84 (Santa Barbara) can be served by reestablishing a Buellton stop on the Santa Maria Clean Air Express route that served the Santa Ynez Valley until 2005. Route #82 (Goleta) has ridership high enough so that a simple route consolidation with the Clean Air Express route that formerly served the Santa Ynez Valley would occasionally lack sufficient capacity to accommodate all potential customers without purchasing a high-capacity vehicle (a double-decker or articulated bus). As a result, the reintegration plan calls for the use of a smaller, more appropriately sized vehicle, that could accommodate some ridership growth, and the incorporation of this route into the Clean Air Express service. The Clean Air Express trip replacing Valley Express Route #82 would continue to originate in Solvang, but would have a slightly lower monthly fare (\$150 vs. \$160) and serve more than twice as many stops in Goleta and the upper State Street area in Santa Barbara, expanding commuting options to residents of the Santa Ynez Valley. Due to the reduction of service hours and the preservation of fare revenue, the reintegration plan is projected to save as much as \$85,000 annually from what is currently being spent providing both the Clean Air Express and the Valley Express. Even with the shorter useful life of a smaller vehicle, the annual operating savings of integrating the two services are significant. Table 3 includes a summary of the proposed reintegration plan and associated operating cost savings.

Summary

While the Valley Express is eligible for Measure A Inter-Regional transit funding, it is important to ensure that all Measure A funds are spent as efficiently as possible. Despite efforts to boost ridership, the Valley Express has over the past 5 years consistently fallen short of its performance standards. As directed by the SBCAG board in May 2010, SBCAG staff has developed a reintegration plan in cooperation with city staff from Lompoc, Santa Maria, Solvang, and Buellton that provides commuter bus service to Santa Ynez Valley residents in a more cost effective manner than it is currently being provided. The plan centers around reintegrating the

service back into the Clean Air Express, which served Buellton prior to the initiation of the Valley Express in 2005, and using a smaller vehicle to continue service on one route with modest ridership.

Next Steps

SBCAG staff anticipates presenting the proposed reintegration plan to the SBCAG North County Subregional Committee and the full SBCAG board in October after the city councils of Solvang and Buellton and the MTD board have been briefed and provided input on the plan. If the SBCAG Board approves the plan, implementation is anticipated to take place in the first half of 2011. The implementation date will depend on the timing of MTD driver "bids", which are held four times a year, as well as the delivery time of a newly purchased or leased bus to replace the large over the road coach being used on Valley Express route #82.



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Table 3: Proposed Valley Express Reintegration Plan

Route	Service Area	Ridership/ Capacity	Proposal	Annual Operating Cost Savings from Status Quo	7 Year Cost Savings
82	Hollister Corridor, Goleta	17/57	Maintain route as Clean Air Express service with smaller vehicle; double the number of Goleta stops served	-\$5,500	-\$238,500 (includes bus purchase)
83	Cottage Hospital (SB), UCSB	13/47	Eliminate, replace with UCSB vanpool	+\$37,700	\$263,900
84	Downtown Santa Barbara, upper State St., SBCC	16/57	Replace with stop in Buellton by Clean Air Express route from Santa Maria	+\$52,600	\$368,200
			Total	\$84,800	\$393,600

Member Agencies

Buellton ■ Carpinteria ■ Goleta ■ Guadalupe ■ Lompoc ■ Santa Barbara ■ Santa Maria ■ Solvang ■ Santa Barbara County



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 **AGENDA ITEM #:** 8

TYPE: ACTION ITEM

PREPARED BY: STEVE MAAS

Signature

REVIEWED BY: GENERAL MANAGER

GM Signature

SUBJECT: Fare for Persons Who Are Blind

RECOMMENDATION:

Schedule a public hearing to solicit and consider public comment as to whether MTD should charge a fare for persons who are blind that is the same fare as that charged persons with other disabilities and seniors.

DISCUSSION:

In 1974, at the request of the Santa Barbara Club of the Blind (an affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind), the MTD Board of Directors agreed that persons who are blind should be allowed to ride MTD buses for free (see attachment). This has been MTD policy since that time.

MTD recently received an e-mail from a member of the public, who stated his belief that the California Public Utilities Code precludes MTD from charging persons with other disabilities and seniors more than we charge persons who are blind. We have since been advised that, because persons who are blind are part of the disabled community, they should be charged the same fare as other persons with disabilities.

Although we would like to offer free service to all persons with disabilities and seniors, that would result in the loss of a substantial amount of revenue to MTD (more than \$400,000 annually). This loss of revenue would likely require a reduction in service.

MTD fareboxes registered approximately 350,000 "free" fares in FY 2010. Those eligible include:

- Persons who are blind.
- Children under 45 inches tall (up to 3 children per adult).
- MTD employees and dependents (see union contract and staff benefit plan).

- Persons who pay to park in the downtown Santa Barbara commuter lots are counted as "free," although the City pays their fares.

Although MTD farebox data do not differentiate between riders from these different "free" categories, it is almost certain that a large majority are children under 45 inches tall.

MTD has issued 132 "B" passes to persons who are blind. Many of these cards were issued several years ago, and the recipients may no longer be MTD riders. Representatives of the blind community have estimated that there currently are up to 100 persons who are blind who ride MTD buses.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Sep. 21, 2010 - Board schedules public hearing

Sep. 24, 2010 - Publish notice in media of general circulation

Following Week - Public input meeting with community groups

Nov. 16, 2010 - Public hearing at regular Board meeting

Nov. 30, 2010 - Follow-up discussion (if needed)

Month of Dec. - Notify public of upcoming change (if approved)

Jan. 1, 2011 - Implement fare for persons who are blind (if approved)

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1974 newspaper article regarding free fares for persons who are blind

Blind to get free bus card

Editor, News-Press: The Santa Barbara Club of the Blind, an affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind, is happy to tell you and the public that through the energetic efforts of our committee and the generous co-operation of our Metropolitan Transit District, it has been arranged that from now on the blind of Santa Barbara will ride on local buses free of any charge.

The requirement is that every blind person who is interested in this much welcomed concession, must obtain an identification card, issued free of charge by the Santa Barbara National Bank.

We are very proud of this achievement and very grateful to the Metropolitan Transit District.

For further information please call 966-6728 or 965-8293.

Regina Gor,
Secretary,
Club of the Blind, Inc.

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September 10, 2010

Via Hand Delivery

Sherrie Fisher, General Manager
Metropolitan Transit District
550 Olive Street
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Dear Ms. Fisher:

The University of California, Santa Barbara has reviewed the request, as put forth by Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) Board Chairman Dave Davis in his August 27th letter to Chancellor Yang, for additional mitigation and policy language to be added to the LRDP and its Final EIR.

To help ensure our mutual goal of providing viable alternative transportation options for our students, faculty, and staff, we agree to add the language as suggested, and as follows:

- 1) Amend LRDP EIR Mitigation Measure Traffic-8A to include the following text: "UC Santa Barbara shall work with MTD and local agencies to improve transit service, which could include subsidies, free passes, additional services, vehicles, and facilities to address future transit overloads."
- 2) Create new policy: "TRANS-15 - UC Santa Barbara shall work with MTD to develop a transit plan that shall meet the increased demand for public transit that will result from implementation of the 2010 LRDP, and shall include consideration of subsidies, free passes, additional services, vehicles, and facilities to address future transit overloads. The campus shall work with MTD to identify and secure the resources to implement the transit plan."

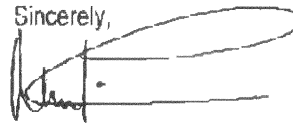
UC Santa Barbara and UCOP staff will prepare documents for The Regents for their September 14th hearing on the 2010 LRDP to reflect this additional language.

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The University looks forward to a long and fruitful collaboration with MTD on providing high quality transit services for the campus community.

Sincerely,



Marc Fisher
Senior Associate Vice Chancellor

cc: Henry Yang, Chancellor
Dave Davis, Chairman, MTD Board of Directors
Todd Lee, Assistant Chancellor, Budget and Planning

To: Chair Davis
Members of the Board of Directors
From: Sherrie Fisher, General Manager
Date: 09/17/10
Subject: Administrative Update

MTD Staff has been working diligently on moving the Super Stop project through all the various City approval processes. We are pleased to announce that the project received final approval on Wednesday, September 15th.

The Marketing Staff conducted a mobility training session at Garden Court Retirement Community on Friday, September 3rd. The event was well attended and the participants were very appreciative of MTD's efforts to educate them on how to navigate the bus system.

Marketing staff has begun working with Traffic Solutions and Community Environmental Council Staff to integrate the MTD System into a new pilot program know as Dynamic Ridesharing. The program will utilize smart phone technologies to help individuals make up to the minute decisions on various commute options including transit and carpooling.

Human Resource staff is currently working on finalizing the Workers' Compensation Self Insurers Annual Report. This report is sent to the State of California Office of Self Insurance Plans.

Congratulations to Molly Kellogg, the Sept CITA (Caught in the Act) drawing winner. She received her CITA for "being polite, courteous, friendly, and for giving excellent trip advice." Thanks to Molly for a job well done!

On September 3rd, the First Friday evening shuttle service in Carpinteria enjoyed an increase in ridership to 44 passengers.

On September 13th, the Operations Department received notice from the school district office of a Katy Perry concert at Dos Pueblos on September 13th. Anticipating massive crowds, Road supervisors moved the booster buses one block over to load on Placer St. Two Supervisors were in the area to assist with the boarding and to guide the students to the temporary location. Although most of the student passengers chose to stay for the concert, it was helpful to the approximately fifty students who needed the booster service. The usual bus stops on Alameda St were unavailable due to road blocks that were established to divert traffic from the area. Those stops were reopened when the area became available to traffic. Prior communications with DPHS personnel were cooperative and helpful. This event was incident free as it pertains to MTD.

On Wednesday, September 8th, staff attended a Goleta Chamber of Commerce "Issues & Policy Roundtable" regarding proposed improvements to circulation and parking in Old Town Goleta. Goleta staff presented a summary of potential upcoming projects.

As required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), staff submitted the August monthly Safety & Security Reports and Ridership Reports for MTD and Easy Lift to the National Transit Database.

On Tuesday, September 14th, staff met with Andy Belknap of Management Partners, the firm retained by the SBCAG Board to conduct a Management Audit of SBCAG staff.

On August 24th, the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census released "Proposed Urban Area Criteria for the 2010 Census: Notice" requesting comments by November 22, 2010. The notice provides the proposed criteria for defining urban area based on the results of the 2010 Decennial Census. It appears that the Bureau of the Census may recommend changes from the 2000 Decennial Census that could result in the Santa Barbara Urbanized Area being moved to an "agglomeration" of urban areas inclusive of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura County.

Currently, the Santa Barbara urban area is aligned with Lompoc and Santa Maria urban areas with SBCAG serving as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as well as the Designated Recipient of federal transportation funds.

Staff has had a brief discussion with SBCAG representatives regarding the matter and they have indicated that they will keep local agencies abreast of the issue as it progresses. MTD staff will continue to monitor the situation and attempt to ascertain the potential repercussions of such a change if it becomes apparent that the proposed changes are likely to be enacted.

There are no major engine or transmission repairs in progress at this time.

Assembly of the second set of LiFePO₄ batteries is in progress.

Replacement of the men's public restroom door and frame at the Transit Center has been delayed for about 10 days due to receipt of the incorrect frame.

Convex mirrors have been installed at the Cota Street gate to enhance safety of pedestrians and traffic at that area.

Required annual backflow preventer testing at T2 was successfully completed.

A purchase request has been submitted for the planned replacement of the heater in the shop 2nd bay.

Numerous routine and some special interest facility maintenance requests handled this period.